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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - T E X T

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SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS FOR YEMEN

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE NO. 200/13/6/Z/
4510/2 OF 10/7/98H (JUNE 15,1978) WITH TWO ENCLOSURES PER-
TAINING TO THE TRANSFER OF HELICOPTERS TO THE YEMEN ARAB
REPUBLIC. THE TEXT OF ENCLOSURE ONE, A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION (MODA), FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT: OWING
TO THE DESIRE OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TO TRANSFER
TITLE OF SIX AB-206 HELICOPTERS AND SIX AB-212 HELICOPTERS
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, WHICH AIRCRAFT WERE
PURCHASED UNDER CONTRACT NO. A/96/185/3/MKH DATED 3/12/96H
CORRESPONDING TO NOVEMBER 24,1976 FROM AGUSTA INTERNATIONAL
COMPANY LICENSED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MANUFAC-
TURE HELICOPTERS, AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE ATTACHED COPY OF
THE NO RE-EXPORTATION OF DONATION CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, THE GOVERNMENT OF
SAUDI ARABIA GUARANTEES THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN ARAB
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REPUBLIC NOT TO RE-EXPORT OR DONATE THESE AIRCRAFT TO
A THIRD PARTY UNLESS IT OBTAINS THE APPROVAL OF THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (SIGNED) SULTAN BIN ABD AL-
AZIZ, MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION/AND INSPECTOR
GNEERAL. END TEXT.

2. ENCLOSURE TWO IS A COPY OF NOTE SIGNED BY THE LATE PRESIDENT

OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC. BEGIN TEXT:
UNDER CONRTRACT NO. A/96/185/3MKH DATED 3/12/96H COR-
RESPONDING TO NOVEMBER 24,1976, SAUDI ARABIA PURCHASED
FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN ARAB REPUB-
LIC SIX AB-206 AND SIX AB-212 HELICOPTERS FROM AGUSTA
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION. BY THIS, THE GOVERNMENT OF
YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC UNDERTAKES NOT TO RE-EXPORT, DONATE,
OR SELL THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER THIS CONTRACT TO
A THIRD PARTY UNLESS IT HAS OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF
THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT, THE STATE WHICH ORIGINALLY
BOUGHT THE EQUIPMENT. (SIGNED) AHMAD HUSSIAN AL-GHASHMI,
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC.
OCCUPATION: PRESIDENT OF YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC AND COM-
MANDER IN CHIEF, MAY 30, 1978 - 23/6/1398H. END TEXT.

3. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE NON-TRNASFER ASSUR-
ANCES ARE FROM YEMEN TO SAUDI ARABIA AND FROM SAUDI
ARABIA TO U.S. THERE ARE NO ASSURANCES FROM YEMEN TO
U.S. WE HAVE DISCOURAGED SAG FROM ATTEMPTING THIS
PROCEDURE, SAYING THAT DIRECT YEMEN TO U.S. ASSURANCES
WERE REQUIRED. HOWEVER, THEY APPARENTLY HAVE DECI-
DED TO TEST IT OUT IN HOPES THAT TI WILL PROVIDE SAG
SOME LEVERAGE OVER YEMENI USE OF HELICOPTERS. EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THIS ARRANGEMENT
SATISFIES REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LAW.

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